

Independence in India

Causes

- Millions of Indians served in World War I for Britain, based on the promise of greater self-rule.
- Limited British reforms after World War I frustrated Indians.
- Protests against British rule sparked riots and attacks on British.
- Congress Party did not represent poor Indians, who made up most of the population.
- Mohandas Gandhi believed in using civil disobedience to protest unjust laws.
- Gandhi had broad appeal and reached out to all Indians.

Gandhi Leads Independence Movement

Effects

- Gandhi called for a boycott of British goods, especially cotton textiles.
- Gandhi's Salt March inspired other Indians to join his protest of the British monopoly on salt.
- Gandhi's nonviolent tactics gained international attention.
- World opinion became sympathetic to the Indian cause.
- Gandhi's campaigns forced Britain to hand over some power to Indians.